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Tao CHEN : Patent Art Unit: 3617
Serial No.: 10/764,464 :
Filed: January 27, 2004 :
For: REAR HUB FOR BICYCLE :

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

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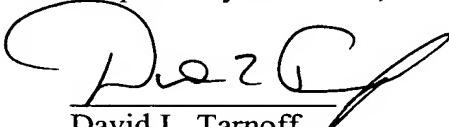
French Patent Publication No. 2317108 appears to disclose a rear bicycle hub having a plurality of sprockets with a dust cover adjacent the outer bearings. The European Search Report indicated that pages 3-7 were relevant.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 56-135301 appears to disclose a rear bicycle hub with a dust cover 13 disposed between the hub shell and the sprocket. The European Search Report indicated that abstract and Figures 1 and 2 were relevant. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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